

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2008

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY on June 17, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmen Fowler - Board Chair
Lisa Bozarth – Vice Chair
Sharon Wood - Secretary
Theresa Crisler
Denise Logsdon
Max Maxwell
Jeff Shipp

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jeff Boler, Board Administrator
Gerald W. Hoppmann, Division Director
Susan Ellis, Finance / Fiscal

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS

Cheryl Lalonde, Office of the Attorney General
Gerald Clemons, Board Investigator
Pat Sazy, ABMP
Debbie Joplin, AMTA
Pam Jenkins, AMTA
Marilyn Gossett
Larry Bond, Public Protection Cabinet

Call to Order

Carmen Fowler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM and introductions were made.

Ms. Carolyn Kyler, Division of Occupations and Professions, swore in Mr. Max Maxwell, and Mr. Jeffrey Shipp as new board members. Mr. Maxwell is representing members at large, and his term will end on July 16, 2010. Mr. Shipp is also representing members at large, and his term will expire on July 16, 2009.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were presented for the Board's review. Ms. Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Crisler, carried unanimously.

Financial Statement

The Board reviewed the financial statement for the month ending June 30, 2008, which indicated a cash balance of \$223,865.69. In addition, the Board reviewed the financial statement for year end, 2008. Ms. Crisler made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bozarth, carried unanimously.

Licensure Status Report

The Board reviewed the licensure status report for the month ending June, 2008 which indicated 1871 active licenses, with 25 inactive licenses. It was also reported that there were 11 individuals whose licenses were terminated in the month of June for non-renewal.

Director's Report

Mr. Hoppmann informed the Board that Ms. Wendy Satterly, the Division Administrative Section Supervisor, will be retiring on July 31, 2008. Ms. Crisler made a motion to order a plaque for Ms. Satterly's years of service to the Board. The motion, seconded by Ms. Wood, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hoppmann informed the Board that since the Division is now under the Cabinet for Public Protection, the board will now have the option of utilizing the Office of the Inspector General for any investigative need that arises.

Old Business

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Katherine Warner, of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA). After discussion, Ms. Crisler made a motion to appoint Ms. Logsdon as the chairperson of the ad-hoc legislative committee temporarily, with the item to be further discussed after the appointment of new board members by the Governor's Office. The motion, seconded by Mr. Shipp, carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed correspondence from John Burkholder, of the Kentucky Department of Insurance, concerning billing issues with Anthem Blue Cross / Blue Shield. No action was taken nor required.

New Business

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB), concerning their annual meeting. Further discussion of this subject was tabled until the August meeting.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Debra Persinger of the FSMTB, concerning recent changes at the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork. (NCBTMB). No action was taken nor required.

The Board reviewed and discussed the exemption for "energy work" that exists in KRS 309.352. After discussion, it was determined that this issue will be discussed by the ad-hoc committee looking into potential legislative changes.

Ms. Logsdon made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) to discuss potential employee discipline. The motion, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, carried unanimously.

Ms. Logsdon made a motion to exit executive session. The motion, seconded by Ms. Wood, carried unanimously.

Complaint Review Committee

Pending Cases

- (07-09) Pending action in Warren County District Court
- (08-01) Committee recommendation is to send the investigator to serve a “cease and desist” letter.
- (08-03) Pending
- (08-08) Pending
- (08-09) Committee recommendation is to dismiss w/o prejudice.
- (08-13) Committee recommendation is to dismiss w/o prejudice.
- (08-14) Committee recommendation is to dismiss w/o prejudice.
- (08-17) Recommendation is to send four “cease and desist” letters, and cc facility and corporate management.
- (08-22) Committee recommendation is to dismiss w/o prejudice.
- (08-23) Pending
- (08-24) Motion to initiate an investigation

Ms. Crisler made a motion to approve of the committee report as presented. The motion, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, carried unanimously.

Application Committee Report

The committee recommended the approval of twenty-eight (28) applications for licensure.

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The committee recommended the approval of an application for licensure by (MM), pending the receipt of national examination scores.

The committee recommended the approval of an application for licensure by (BL), pending the receipt of an initial licensure fee.

Ms. Bozarth made a motion to approve the committee report as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Wood, carried unanimously.

Education Committee Report

The committee recommended the approval of “*Tuina: Chinese Medical Massage*” presented by the Louisville School of Massage Therapy.

The committee recommended the approval of “*Hot Stone Massage*” presented by I-Massage, Inc.

Ms. Wood made a motion to approve the committee report as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bozarth, carried unanimously.

Chairman Fowler thanks Ms. Bozarth and Ms. Wood for their time and efforts as board members, and wished them the best.

Travel and Per-Diem

Ms. Crisler made a motion to approve the Travel and Per-Diem for today’s meeting. The motion, seconded by Ms. Wood, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM. The next scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy is scheduled for August 19, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

Approved by the Board,



Carmen S. Fowler, Board Chair